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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application: H. Hanson, et al.  
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Art Unit: 2742  
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For: TELEPHONE CALLS/VOICE PROCESSING SYSTEM

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**DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

1. I, Eric Suder, am President of Estech Systems, Inc. ("ESI"), the assignee of the above-identified Patent Application.

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**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on 7-23, 1999.

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2. ESI has been manufacturing call accounting systems, stand-alone voicemail systems and telephone systems since 1987. ESI's IVX System embodies the invention described and claimed in the above-identified Patent Application. More specifically, the IVX System is a telephone call and voice processing system including (i) switching circuitry for receiving a call, wherein the switching circuitry is adaptable for connecting the call to a telecommunications device coupled to the system, and (ii) voice processing circuitry adaptable for automatically interacting with the incoming call, wherein the switching circuitry and the voice processing circuitry are controlled by a single processing means, wherein the single processing means is a single microprocessor.

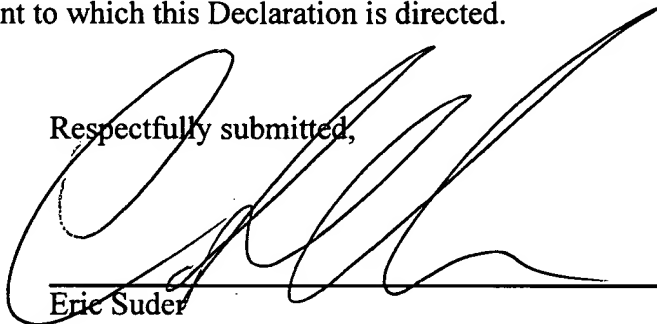
3. The IVX System and components now represent a majority of ESI's sales. To date, ESI has shipped tens of thousands of IVX Systems and components.

4. ESI private labels the IVX System to a 50 year-old manufacturer of telephone equipment, Executone, because it is unique and far beyond their ability to create themselves.

5. The IVX System has success because it is based on the single microprocessor implementation, which no one in the telephone calling voice processing industry has successfully achieved and manufactured that matches the functionality that is derived from the system's unique architecture of a combined processor/software treatment of phone and voice storage integration. Many of the features implemented within the IVX System are made possible solely because the voice processing circuitry and the switching circuitry are controlled by a single microprocessor.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the Application, any patent issuing thereon or any patent to which this Declaration is directed.

Respectfully submitted,



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Eric Suder